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TAGS: OREP (MANSFIELD, MIKE)

SUBJECT: CODEL MANSFIELD

1. SENATOR MAJORITY LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD AND SMALL
PARTY TRAVELING AROUND-THE-WORLD ON FACT FINDING TRIP.
PRESIDENT HAS PROVIDED USAF VC-135. ITINERARY AS NOW
SET IS:

8/2 LEAVE ANDREWS AFB

8/3 ARRIVE LISBON

8/5 ARRIVE JIDDA

8/7 ARRIVE RANGOON

8/11 ARRIVE BANGKOK

8/12 ARRIVE HONG KONG

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8/20 ARRIVE HONOLULU

8/22 ARRIVE ANDREWS AFB

2. SENATOR IS CONSIDERING RPT CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF INSERTING A SIDE TRIP TO VIENTIANE TO VISIT WITH PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA. PARTY INTO VIENTIANE WOULD INCLUDE, BESIDES SENATOR, PROBABLY MR. FRANK VALEO, SECRETARY TO THE SENATE; MR. NORVILL JONES, STAFF MEMBER OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE; AND LOUIS SCHWARTZ, STATE DEPARTMENT ESCORT OFFICER.

3. WITHOUT DISCUSSING WITH LAO, WE WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEWS BY IMMEDIATE CABLE:

A. YOUR ASSESSMENT OF HIS VISIT. WHAT PROBLEMS; RISKS VERSUS REWARDS?

B. CAN AIRPORT ACCOMMODATE VC-135?

C. WHAT IS POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULING A VISIT WITH PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA?

D. WHAT ARE PROSPECTS FOR WAIVING ENTRY RESTRICTIONS, VISAS, ETC? INGERSOLL UNQTE INGERSOLL

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